

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please substitute the attached replacement sheets for Figures 13, 14 and 15 of the drawings as originally filed.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Replacement sheets of drawings accompany this amendment to designate Figs. 13-15 as Prior Art. A substitute specification (with a marked-up copy of the original) and a new abstract are provided herewith. No new matter has been introduced.

The claims have been amended, where appropriate, to clarify the manner in which Applicants' invention distinguishes patentably from the prior art, including the Sauzedde et al reference relied upon in the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b). More particularly, claim 1 now incorporates the subject matter from dependent claims 2 and 3 (cancelled) modified to recite that each of a plurality of bearing members has a radially projecting latch convex portion which is fitted in a corresponding circumferential retaining groove for circumferential movement therein, and which has a smaller circumferential width than that of the retaining groove.

Claim 1 now clearly distinguishes patentably from Sauzedde et al. The invention prevents damage due to an excessive torque in a simpler, less expensive, and more easily manufactured one-way clutch apparatus than is the

case with the reference. Accordingly, Claim 1 and the claims dependent thereon should be allowed.

Dependent Claims 4-7 have been amended for conformity with amended Claim 1. The amendment of Claim 6 overcomes the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Amended Claims 8-10 also clearly distinguish patentably from Sauzedde et al. Claim 8 recites a plurality of block bearings each having a radially outwardly projecting engagement convex portion fitted in a respective retaining groove, for circumferential movement therein, the convex portion having a smaller circumferential width than that of the corresponding retaining groove. Claim 9 now recites a plurality of block bearings each having a radially inwardly projecting engagement convex portion fitted in a corresponding retaining groove, for circumferential movement therein, the convex portion having a smaller circumferential width than that of the corresponding retaining groove. Claim 10 now recites a plurality of block bearings each having a radially outwardly projecting latch convex portion fitted in a corresponding retaining groove, for circumferential movement therein, the convex portion having a smaller circumferential width than that of the corresponding retaining groove.

For the reasons stated earlier with regard to Claim 1
vis a vis Sauzedde et al, Claims 8-10 should be allowed.

This application is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (XA-10075) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

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